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ATHENAEUM SUBJECT INDEX TO PERIODICALS

The Athenaeum Subject Index to Periodicals, 1915. Issued at the request of the Council of the Library Association. Theology and Philosophy. London: THE ATHENAEUM, March, 1916. pp. 34.

EVER since the suspension of Poole's Index to periodical literature a need was felt for the resumption of this branch of bibliography so indispensable to students engaged in research. For some time *The Librarian* endeavoured to supply this desideratum through a half-yearly 'Index to Periodicals' edited by Alex. J. Philip; but this Index, probably through lack of support, was neither exhaustive nor punctual in appearance. Hence the new undertaking of the Council of the Library Association is truly welcome to every man interested in bibliography. The Athenaeum Index will consist of twelve monthly indexes which, at the end of the year, will be consolidated into a large annual volume. Both the monthly and annual issues will be based on the alphabetical subject-headings of the Library of Congress, but revised, modified, and extended, and including a brief Author Index. All fields of literature from over two hundred domestic and foreign periodicals will be represented, except serial fiction and pure science which are already being indexed by special societies.

The new Index commenced with the year 1915, and the present fascicle on Theology and Philosophy is the eighth part, having been preceded by Indexes on Preventive Medicine and Hygiene, Fine Arts and Archaeology, Sports and Games, the European War, Science and Technology, Music, and Education. The entries in this part number 1031, drawn from 140 journals, and distributed under 614 index headings, with many references.

As an instance, Bible study and criticism occupies two double-column pages with eighty-six entries. Still this list is not exhaustive, owing to the exclusion of periodicals published in countries at war with Great Britain. This, of course, will be remedied at the end of the war.

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